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Comprehensive American Energy Security & Consumer Protection Act on House Floor Next Week

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“This comprehensive energy policy is what we’ve been waiting for as a country. It’s full of common sense principles,” Wilson said. “I’ve always supported responsible drilling and it’s clear that we need more domestic production. I’m pleased the plan includes drilling and alternative energy options. Alternative energy will mean new jobs.”

Among its provisions, the Comprehensive American Energy Security & Consumer Protection Act will roll back Big Oil tax breaks in a time of record oil company profits and require oil companies to pay their fair share; invest in wind, solar and natural gas, 21st century energy sources to create millions of jobs; responsibly open up additional offshore areas for drilling with oil companies footing the bill instead of taxpayers; and release oil from the government’s stockpile to bring down gas prices.

“We could just continue to choose Big Oil and do a drill only policy, but I’d rather side with working families who’ve been hurt by record high gasoline prices. With working families in mind, I’ll vote for a comprehensive solution that provides short term relief and long term energy solutions.”

This bill builds on the groundwork Congress set in place last year. Congress has taken critical steps to address our nation’s energy independence. Last year, it passed and the President signed historic energy legislation with provisions to combat oil market manipulation, promote the use of more affordable American biofuels, and increase vehicle fuel efficiency to 35 miles per gallon in 2020. It was the first Congressional increase in fuel efficiency standards in more than three decades.